­  Shelburne Finance Committee

Tuesday, May 1, 2025, 5:30 pm

Shelburne Fire Station

18 Little Mohawk Road

**Meeting Called to order** at 5:30 pm by Todd Dubreuil. Those present include Terri Mitchell and Jim Burnham. Absent: Matt Popoli and Jay Readinger.

**Appointments:** None

1. **Old Business:**
* Prepare for Town Meeting. Reviewed the Warrant Articles for Financial implementation. The Committee vote unanimously to support **All** Financial Articles, with the exception of Article 7, line # 310 5400 – Mohawk Trail Regional School District, Articles 9, 22, 25, and 28.

Article # 7 – line # 310 5400 – Mohawk Trail Regional School District – The Committee recommends a No vote based upon the following reasons:

* MTRSD has not adequately contained overall cost that have now reached $27.2M.
* Shelburne’s assessment has risen to $2,964,395 in FY 2026 if it passes.
* There have been severe declines in Enrollment at the High School in recent years.
* The current trends are pushing the Town closer to a Proposition 2-1/2% override.

Article # 9 – Appropriate $6,207 from Stabilization Account # 830-919-5400 for Shelburne’s

 share of a Water Heater at MTRHS. -- The Committee recommends a No vote for the following

 reason:

* The Regional Agreement defines Capital Costs. The Water Heater is outside the Regional Agreements definition of Capital. It should be a Maintenance item.

 Article # 22 – Transfer $10,000 from the Housing Trust Fund Account # 248-691-5400 to be

 used to complete pre-development environmental assessments of a town owned tax title

 property located at 49 Mechanic Street. The Committee recommends a NO vote for the

 following reason:

* Due to the unknown factors pertaining to the use of this lot for affordable housing, additional information should be provided and discussed before moving forward and expending additional town funds.

 Article # 25 – Appropriate $100,000 in Community Preservation Funds for Phase One of

 The Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School Playground Restoration Project. The

 Committee recommends a No vote for the following reasons:

* Last month the School Committee voted to recommend pursuing the closure

Of Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School to consolidate it into a single campus in the

District at the High School.

* While we all agree that it is a project needing attention, it seems unwise to spend these funds, at this time, due to the uncertainty of the property. Let’s see where the voter’s decide to go with the schools before committing the funds.

 Article # 28 – Appropriate $1,000 from the Community Preservation Funds Undesignated

 Revenue Account to purchase a bulletin board for the Cowell Gym Outdoor Courts. The

 Finance Committee takes No stance on this Article.

1. **New Business:** None

**3.** **Other Issues not anticipated 48 hours before the meeting**: None

1. **Next Meeting:** None Scheduled.

5. **Adjournment**: Motion to adjourn by Todd Dubreuil, seconded by Jim Burnham. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Mitchell,

Finance Committee